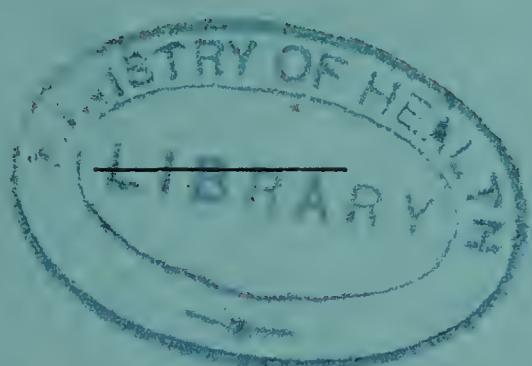


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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**Medical Officer of Health**

FOR THE

**YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952**



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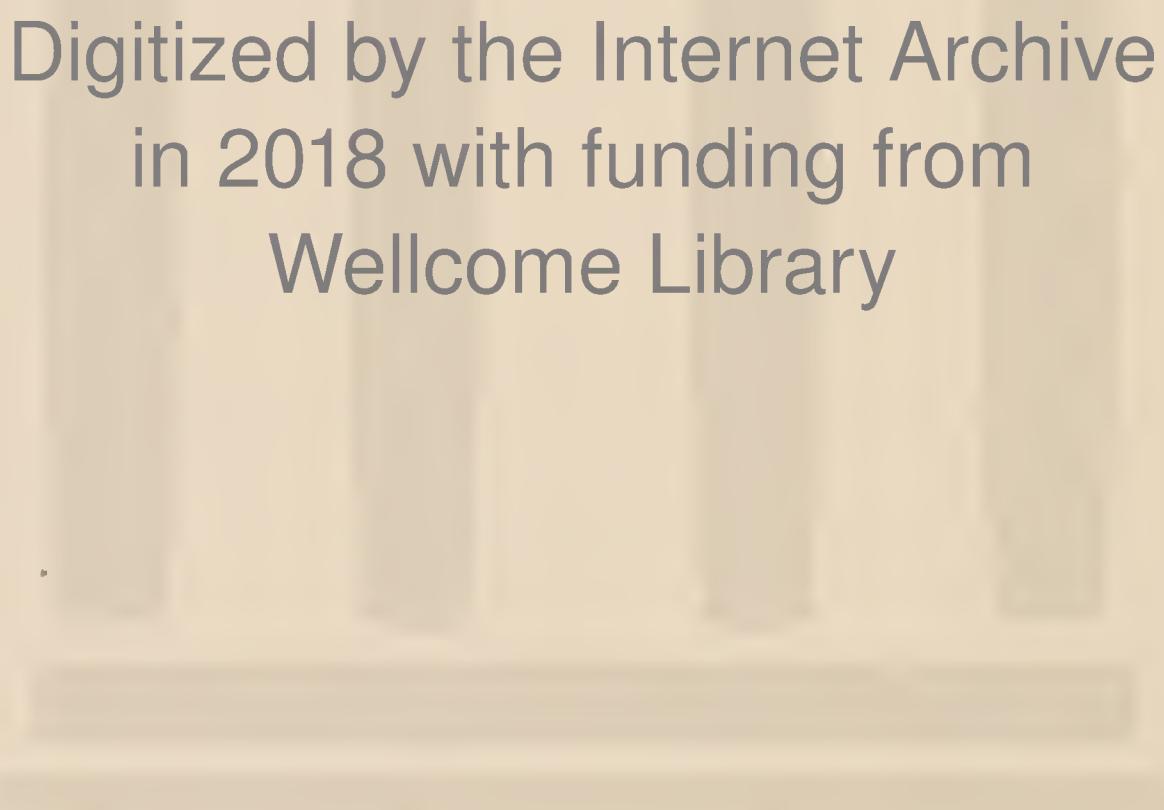
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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your district for the year ended 31st December 1952, according to the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

The general health of the district was good throughout the year apart from an outbreak of influenza during the winter months which accounted for four deaths and a considerable amount of disability. No true epidemic occurred but scattered cases of the exanthema occurred amongst the school children.

The population of the district according to the Registrar General's computation fell by 190 persons but the births exceeded the deaths by twenty-seven. The discrepancy is probably accounted for by the settling down process in Plymouth whereby the City residents who have been our guests for many years are able to return home.

The vital statistics compare favourably with those for England and Wales and are set out in the accompanying tables.

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#### SECTION—A.

##### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) ... ... ... ...	151,080
Population—1931 Census ... ... ...	15,149
Population—1951 Census ... ... ...	16,300
Estimated Home Population—Mid 1952 ...	16,050
Parishes ... ... ... ...	25
Number of Inhabited Houses ... ... ...	4,752
Rateable Value ... ... ... ...	£97,587
Produce of Penny Rate ... ... ...	£393
Loan Debt ... ... ... ...	£372,646

##### VITAL STATISTICS

		Male	Female	Total
Live Births ... ... ...	121	93	214	
Legitimate ... ... ...	115	89		
Illegitimate ... ... ...	6	4		

**England  
& Wales**

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	13·3	15·3
Corrected Birth Rate	...	14·9	
Still Births	...	6	
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births		27·3	22·6
		<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Deaths	...	92	95
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	11·7	11·3
Corrected Death Rate	...	9·4	
Deaths from Maternal Causes	...	Nil	
Maternal Mortality	...	—	0·72
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	...	5	
Infant Mortality	...	23·4	27·6

The chief causes of death were as follows:

**Infectious Causes:**

Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

**General Causes:**

Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Cerebral Vascular Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Coronary Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Arteriosclerosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Gastric Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accidental	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	15

**Infants under 1 year:**

Prematurity	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Intra Cranial Injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pulmonary Atelectasis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...						187

AGE OF DEATH TABLE			
Age at Death		Male	Female
Infants under 1 year ...	...	3	2
1 - 5 years ...	...	—	—
5 - 15 years ...	...	2	—
15 - 25 years ...	...	—	—
25 - 35 years ...	...	—	1
35 - 45 years ...	...	2	1
45 - 55 years ...	...	1	7
55 - 65 years ...	...	16	12
65 - 75 years ...	...	33	25
75 and over ...	...	35	47
<b>Totals ...</b>		<b>92</b>	<b>95</b>

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## SECTION—B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

The health services continue to work smoothly and a close liaison exists between the County Council officers and your Medical Officer of Health.

I would mention that the relationship of the family doctors practising in the district and the officers of the Regional Board with your Medical Officer is one of cordiality and mutual assistance. In fact at the professional level complete harmony exists. This fact makes the administrative hotch-potch under which we labour a workable reality.

#### Maternity Accommodation.

One is happy to record that at long last the Tavistock Maternity Home was opened on 6th May, 1953, to accommodate twenty beds and beautifully appointed.

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## SECTION—C.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### Water Supply.

Attention is drawn to the comprehensive table at the end of the report which sets out in detail the service to each parish.

During the year the following works were completed:

**BERE ALSTON:** The service reservoir to the Bere Alston supply has now been repaired and there is adequate water for the summer months. The pH value of this water has also been raised by a treatment to alter its corrosive characteristics and the water is no longer plumbo solvent.

**LAMERTON:** The new mains from Prewley supply are now complete and nearly 100% of the occupiers and owners have taken a water supply from the new main.

It may interest your Council to know the present position as regards the North Devon Water Board's progress in the district:

	<b>Schemes Completed</b>	<b>Cost</b>
(1)	Piplines completed. Prewley to Sourton, Lydford and Brentor. Prewley to Sourton Cross	£61,500
(2)	Piplines Brentor to North Brentor, Blackdown, Mary Tavy, Peter Tavy and Horndon	£28,700
(3)	Brentor to Longcross and Lamerton	£26,700

The proposed pipeline—Uppaton, Chillaton, Coryton Station, Portgate and Lifton—is on the priority list for 1953/54 with an estimated total cost of £43,000. I have pointed out to the members and officials of the Board that this scheme is of considerable urgency.

It will be seen from the above that as far as your district is concerned, and taking into account the enormous commitments of the Board, the progress is very satisfactory.

**SAMPLES:** An arrangement with the Public Health Laboratory Service ensures that the M.O.H. receives copies of all water samples submitted for analysis. The table below sets out the results of these tests. The results are a marked improvement on those for previous years. This is due to the treatment of the raw water, which in the case of some village supplies is quite unfit for drinking in the raw state, by chemical means.

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Total Samples Taken</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Bad</b>
<b>Bere Ferrers:</b>				
Bere Alston .....	9	8	—	1
Bere Ferrers .....	7	5	2	—
Brentor .....	8	8	—	—
Lamerton .....	4	3	—	1
Lewdown .....	2	1	—	1
Lifton .....	7	6	—	1
Lydford .....	8	8	—	—
Mary Tavy .....	7	7	—	—
<b>Milton Abbot:</b>				
Chillaton .....	7	4	2	1
Peter Tavy .....	7	6	—	1
<b>Sydenham Damarel:</b>				
Sydenham Damarel .....	1	—	1	—
Horsebridge .....	1	1	—	—
<b>Tavistock Hamlets:</b>				
Mill Hill .....	4	3	1	—
Thrushelton .....	2	—	—	2
<b>Totals ...</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

In addition 35 samples were taken by your Inspectors to which 30 were good and 5 fair.

It is pleasing to note that supplies during the year were on the whole very good. The only shortage experienced was at Bere Alston, even so, it was only for a limited period. It is also interesting to note that the North Devon Water Board discovered a defect in the reservoir and immediately instituted remedial measures.

The whole of the area for which Tavistock Rural District Council are the undertakers was well served and samples revealed all supplies to be satisfactory.

## **Drainage and Sewerage.**

The most pleasing factor for the year was the installation of the main drainage at Lamerton at a total estimated cost of £18,308. The works were carried out very satisfactorily and the modern disposal works is a model of efficiency.

Another major sewerage scheme to be commenced was the Dousland Scheme which incorporates the modernising of the Gratton Sewage Works at Yelverton and allows the obsolete works at Sparkaton and Lower Lake to be discarded. The estimated cost of this improvement is £27,216.

On the converse, technical and financial disagreements over the Brentor, Chillaton, Mary Tavy, Peter Tavy, Milton Coombe, and Grenofen Schemes have led to much frustration. These Schemes are long overdue. The lack of this essential service retards expansion in every case and whilst it is difficult, owing to the acute need in all villages enumerated above, to differentiate, the cases of Brentor and Milton Combe are most serious.

The activities of the Cornwall River Board were most pronounced during the year. Several reports were made by them to the Council, some of which were very adverse. It is impossible to disguise that with the growth of the villages the modernisation and enlarging of the Council's sewage works will become a necessity and prove a major expenditure.

The maintenance of the Council's sewage works has on the whole proved quite satisfactory, but owing to the heavier commitments provision will have to be made for increased staff to ensure more frequent cleansing.

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## **SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.**

The duties of the Sanitary Inspectors continue to be onerous, as can be seen from the following table of visits during the year:

Visits to Council Houses .....	1,212
Nuisances investigated .....	306
Water Supplies—New and Repaired .....	82
Visits in connection with water supplies .....	231
Visits in connection with foodstuffs .....	456
Water Samples submitted .....	35
Premises disinfected .....	6
Tests for new and re-laid drains .....	128
Visits re building licences .....	31

Visits re buildings in course of construction .....	386
No. of plans submitted .....	214
Visits in connection therewith .....	172
New septic tank installations .....	46
Visits re Petroleum Licences .....	21
Visits re sewerage and sewage disposal .....	268
Visits re Rodent Control .....	95
Miscellaneous Visits .....	402

### Refuse Collection.

At long last the policy recommended for several years past by your Medical Officer of Health for refuse collection by direct labour became an actuality on April 1st. The service covers all the southern parishes and has given very satisfactory service. A second vehicle is still needed in order that the whole of the Rural District can be covered by direct labour thus enabling the collection to be extended to some of the minor hamlets thereby giving a completely satisfactory service.

### Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

#### 1.—INSPECTIONS:

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prose- cuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities ...	15	52	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	46	98	4	—
(iii) Other Prem- ises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	8	12	—	—
<b>TOTAL ...</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>

**2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:**

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness ...	7	7	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation ...	3	3	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	4	4	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences : (a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences ...	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL ...</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	—	—	—

**National Assistance Act 1948—Section 47.**

No action was necessary under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1948, during the year.

**Weather:**

As a matter of general interest the Meteorological Report from the Tavistock Observatory is included. The report applies generally to the district, with the exception of the Princetown region which has climatic conditions peculiar to itself.

Height above sea level—457 feet in Stevenson Screen.

Latitude—50°33' N.; Longitude—4°10' W.

The total amount of rain was 45.96 ins.

The total number of rainy days was 196.

The average amount of rain is 49.3 ins.

The greatest fall was 2.43 ins. on 15th August.

**RAINFALL FOR 1952**

Month	Total Depth in Inches	Greatest Fall in 24 hours (ins.)	Date	No. of days on which rain fell
January .....	5.28	0.76	30 th	22
February .....	1.18	0.26	13 th	13
March .....	4.83	1.13	6 th	16
April .....	4.04	0.73	13 th	17
May .....	2.98	0.81	10 th	11

June .....	1.66	0.55	8 th	10
July .....	1.54	1.10	7 th	9
August .....	6.64	2.43	15 th	17
September .....	4.31	0.69	8 th	20
October .....	5.56	0.70	27 th	19
November .....	4.02	0.84	21 st	19
December .....	3.92	0.62	19 th	23
	—	—	—	—
	45.96	—	—	196
	—	—	—	—

## SECTION—D.

### HOUSING.

Owing to the continued progress with the erection of Council Houses your Medical Officer inspected many properties vacated for occupation of the above. In several cases stringent action was necessary.

The re-painting and general repairs to a large proportion of the Council Houses proved very effective. Viewing the Council Houses as a whole their condition is most satisfactory although the tendency of the tenants to complain of very minor matters is very much in the ascendant.

The Crapstone hutments, as hitherto, proved heavy from the maintenance angle, but it is pleasing to record the satisfaction of the tenants.

The increase by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in the allocation of private enterprise licences was very gratifying.

The Council took full advantage of the discretion given to Local Authorities to increase the ratio of private enterprise licences in relation to Council Houses from one in five to one in one. Thus the issue of 5 for 1951 was raised to 27 for 1952, automatically ensuring the beneficial effects of increased rateable value and the easing of the housing waiting list.

The following tabulation shows the need for Council House accommodation. It will be noted that there are 306 applicants:

Parish	Total on Waiting List	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural	No. in Lodgings	No. with separate home
Bere Ferrers .....	5	—	5	2	3
Bere Alston ...	62	12	50	16	46
Brentor .....	4	1	3	—	4
Buckland					
Monachorum .....	17	1	16	2	15
Crapstone .....	15	2	13	4	11
Yelverton .....	13	—	13	4	9
Coryton .....	2	—	2	1	1
Horrabridge .....	65	6	59	13	52
Lamerton .....	28	12	16	1	27
Lifton .....	17	5	12	5	12
Lydford .....	1	—	1	1	—
Princetown ...	20	2	18	2	18
Mary Tavy .....	8	1	7	2	6
Milton Abbot .....	11	4	7	5	6
Chillaton .....	2	1	1	—	2
Peter Tavy .....	3	—	3	1	2
Stowford .....	4	—	4	—	4
Walkhampton ....	12	1	11	4	8
Whitchurch (Grenofen) .....	11	2	9	1	10
Miscellaneous ....	6	—	6	—	6
Totals .....	306	50	256	64	242

## COUNCIL HOUSES—1953 PROGRAMME.

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Reasonable progress was made in 1952 to the Council House programme. 22 new houses were completed and occupied, i.e. 8 at Chillaton, 4 at Stowford and 10 at Walkhampton.

According to the Contracts a further 18, i.e. 10 at Bere Alston and 8 at Milton Abbot, should have been completed but owing to the time lag in the delivery of materials and the shortage of man-power, especially skilled tradesmen, inevitable delay arose and the Council, completely against their wishes and inclination, were forced into the position of having to extend the above two contract periods.

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### Council Houses in course of Construction.

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>No. of houses to be built</b>	<b>Site Number</b>
Bere Ferrers .....	Bere Alston .....	10	O.S. 1324 & 1325
Horrabridge .....	Horrabridge .....	22	O.S. 78
Lamerton .....	Lamerton .....	18	O.S. 434 & 435
Lydford .....	Princetown .....	4	O.S. 210
Mary Tavy .....	Mary Tavy .....	6	O.S. 508
Milton Abbot .....	Milton Abbot .....	8	O.S. 493
		<u>Total:</u>	<u>68</u>

### Remainder of Housing Programme carried forward.

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>No. of houses to be built</b>	<b>Site Number</b>
Bere Ferrers .....	Bere Alston .....	23	O.S. 1324 & 1325
Buckland Monachorum .....	Buckland Monachorum .....	16	O.S. 416 & 515
Horrabridge .....	Horrabridge .....	20	O.S. 78
Marystowe .....	Near Lewdown .....	4	O.S. 648
Meavy .....	Meavy .....	4	O.S. 129
Sampford Spiney .....	Sampford Spiney .....	4	O.S. 175
		<u>Total:</u>	<u>71</u>

**Council Houses in the Tavistock Rural District—1952.**

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>No. of Houses</b>	<b>Total No. in Parish</b>
Bere Ferrers .....	Bere Alston .....	70	
	Bere Ferrers .....	10	80
Bradstone .....	—	—	—
Brentor .....	Brentor .....	14	14
Buckland	Buckland		
Monachorum .....	Monachorum .....	14	
	Yelverton .....	4	18
Coryton .....	—	—	—
Dunterton .....	—	—	—
Horrabridge .....	Horrabridge .....	48	48
Kelly .....	Kelly .....	2	2
Lamerton .....	Lamerton .....	10	10
Lewtrenchard .....	—	—	—
Lifton .....	Lifton .....	36	36
Lydford .....	Lydford .....	10	
	Princetown .....	20	30
Marystowe .....	Near Lewdown .....	4	4
Mary Tavy .....	Mary Tavy .....	20	20
Meavy .....	Meavy .....	8	8
Milton Abbot .....	Chillaton .....	16	16
Peter Tavy .....	Peter Tavy .....	14	14
Sampford Spiney .....	Sampford Spiney .....	4	4
Sheepstor .....	—	—	—
Stowford .....	Stowford .....	4	4
Sydenham Damarel ...	—	—	—
Tavistock Hamlets ....	—	—	—
Thrushelton .....	Lobhill .....	2	2
Walkhampton .....	Walkhampton .....	40	40
Whitchurch .....	Grenofen .....	8	8
	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>358</b>	

**CLEARANCE AREAS and INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES**

Action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts.

**RETURN FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 1952 to 31st DECEMBER 1952.**

**PART A—CLEARANCE AREAS (Housing Act 1936)**

	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in the period		Number of persons displaced
	Unfit houses	Other houses	
	—	—	—
(1) Land coloured "pink" ...	—	—	—
(2) Land coloured "grey" ...	—	—	—

## PART B—HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

	Number of Houses	Number of Persons Displaced
<b>DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS:</b>		
<b>(1) Housing Act 1936</b>		
(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11	—	—
(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 11 and still in force ... ...	23	16
(c) Parts of buildings closed (Section 12) ...	—	—
<b>(2) Housing Act 1949</b>		
(a) Closing Orders made under Section 3(1)	—	—
(b) Demolition Orders determined and closing Orders substituted under Section 3(2)	—	—
	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>REPAIRS:</b>		
<b>INFORMAL ACTION</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts ...		51
<b>ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS</b>		
<b>(4) Public Health Acts.</b> Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices		
(a) by owners ... ... ... ... ...	—	—
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners ...	—	—
<b>(5) Housing Act 1936</b> Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices (Section 9, 10 and 16)		
(a) by owners ... ... ... ... ...	8	—
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners ...	—	—

## SECTION—E.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

By dint of many routine visits, perseverance and continued instruction, the standard of hygiene in the many shops and food preparation premises remains at a satisfactory level. Your Officers are especially alert in the continued warfare against food poisoning and they constantly acquaint shop-keepers of the latest precautionary measures.

The decision of the Council to carry out systematic inspection relative to rodent control is a progressive one and is bearing excellent results.

## **Milk.**

During 1952 your Sanitary Inspector took 24 samples of ungraded milk. Of these 2 failed to pass the test but after supervision later samples proved to be satisfactory.

I would again draw the attention of your Council to the fact that the activities of other bodies, including the County Council, in this respect and in others, are in many instances not brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health.

This is regrettable as although these other bodies are presumably acting within their statutory rights, nevertheless the fact remains that the M.O.H. is ultimately responsible for the prevention of disease, and any attempt to side-track him is in the public interest to be deplored.

## **Ice Cream**

Again there was a slight increase in the number of premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938 for the manufacture, sale or storage of ice cream, bringing the total to 50.

The vast majority merely store and sell pre-packed ice cream prepared in approved hygienic factories thereby eliminating the potential danger of the preparation of ice cream under adverse conditions.

Regular routine visits were made to the shops and of 18 samples taken all proved satisfactory.

## **Food Poisoning.**

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year.

## **Meat.**

The meat supply continues to come from the Town Abattoir and was duly inspected there.

By permission of the Urban Council the following report and table of meat inspection is submitted:

"The town abattoir continues to serve a large area, and dealt with 13,355 animal carcases during the year, an increase of over 1,600 on the previous year.

All carcases and offals were inspected before removal from the Abattoir. This important duty entailed 608 visits, many of them out of normal working hours.

Routine visits are made to the Abattoir by the Ministry of Food Area Technical Advisor who has made no adverse comment on the method and efficiency of meat inspection in Tavistock.

The improvements to the overhead track at the Abattoir referred to in my previous report were completed and the electric hoist and carcase splitter were also installed. This has resulted in more rapid and efficient slaughtering and the beef carcases when dressed have a more presentable appearance.

The number of animals inspected and the carcases, parts, and organs condemned are set out in the following table:

**Carcases Inspected and Condemned**

	Cattle, excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ... (if known) ...	1753	748	1579	8348	927
Number inspected	1753	748	1579	8348	927
All diseases except tuberculosis :					
Whole carcases condemned ...	14	28	58	119	21
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	916	391	12	1269	101
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	53·05%	56·02%	4·43%	16·62%	13·16%
Tuberculosis only :					
Whole carcases condemned ...	6	35	7	—	8
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	69	124	—	—	58
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	4·27%	21·25%	·44%	—	7·11%

**Other Foodstuffs.**

Arising from the routine visits to shops the following unsound foods were condemned:

63 tins canned vegetables .....	17-lbs.	10-ozs.
27 tins meat .....	80-lbs	4-ozs.
23 tins fish .....	16-lbs.	10-ozs.
39 tins fish paste .....	4-lbs.	14-ozs.
86 tins fruit .....	49-lbs.	14-ozs.
Cheese .....	7-lbs.	
Beef .....	182-lbs.	
Mixed Peel .....	45-lbs.	2-ozs.

## **SECTION—F.**

### **PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

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The following cases of infectious disease were notified by medical practitioners during the year:

Whooping Cough .....	24
Measles .....	9
Scarlet Fever .....	5
Meningococcal Infection .....	1

The following cases were notified from the schools during the year:

Chicken Pox .....	81
Mumps .....	47
Measles .....	29
Whooping Cough .....	21
German Measles .....	4
Scarlet Fever .....	4
Conjuntivitis .....	3
Impetigo .....	2

#### **Diphtheria.**

No cases of diphtheria occurred during the year.

#### **Poliomyelitis.**

No case of poliomyelitis was notified during the year.

#### **Tuberculosis.**

Eight new cases of Pulmonary and two new cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. Three deaths were recorded from the former cause.

At the end of the year 97 cases remained on the register as follows:

<b>Pulmonary</b>		<b>Non-Pulmonary</b>	
Males .....	47	Males .....	8
Females .....	39	Females .....	3

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In conclusion I would thank the Chairman and Council for the ready hearing I have received at all times, and the sanitary staff and others who have materially assisted in the preparation of this report.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
E. D. ALLEN-PRICE.  
Medical Officer of Health.

# TAVISTOCK RURAL DISTRICT WATER SUPPLIES

PARISH	Whether the water supply of the area and its several parts has been satisfactory (a) in quality (b) in quantity	Where there is a piped supply, whether bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water and, where treatment is installed, of the water going into supply; if so, how many and the results obtained; the results of any chemical analyses.	Where the waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action, the facts as to contamination by lead, including precautions taken and number and results of analyses.	Action in respect of any form of contamination	Particulars of the number of dwelling houses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains:			
					No. Dwelling Houses	Total Population		
					Main	Standpipe	Main	Standpipe
BERE FERRERS	Engineers' report re quantity (a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped Supply 16 samples taken 15 satisfactory 1 unsatisfactory	SEE REPORT	See Report	500	—	1750	—
BRADSTONE	(a) Yes Wells only (b) Inadequate	No Piped Supply Private Wells only	With regard to this question, all the moorland waters are plumbo-solvent and many of the well waters also, however, no case of lead poisoning has been reported or discovered for a number of years.	None	—	—	—	—
BRENTOR	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped supply 8 samples taken All satisfactory		N.D.W.B.	54	6	188	21
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped Supply. Part T.R.D.C. Part Plymouth C.B. Analyses made by Plymouth.		Fencing covered Reservoirs	740	30	2590	105
CORYTON	(a) Yes (b) Reas. good	Wells only No public piped supply	„	None	—	—	—	—
DUNTERTON	(a) Yes (b) No	Private Wells only No piped supply	„	None	—	—	—	—
HORRABRIDGE	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped Supply. Part Tavistock R.D.C. Part Plymouth C.B	„	None	385	—	1348	—
KELLY	(a) Yes (b) No	Wells only No piped supply	„	None	—	—	—	—
LAMERTON	(a) Yes (b) Yes.	Piped supply. 4 samples taken. 3 satisfactory; 1 unsatisfactory.	„	N.D.W.B	75	—	263	—
LEW TRENCHARD	(a) Yes (b) Inadequate	No piped supply Wells only 1 Public	„	None	—	—	—	—
LIFTON	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped Supply 7 samples taken 6 satis.; 1 unsatis.	„	Covered Reservoir and Fencing	181	—	634	—
LYDFORD	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped supply 8 samples taken. All satisfactory	„	N.D.W.B. (Lydford Town) Chlorination for Princeton.	284	—	994	—
MARYSTOWE	(a) Yes (b) Reas. good	No piped supply	„	Covered Reservoir	—	—	—	—
MARY TAVY	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped supply. 7 samples taken. All satisfactory.	„	N.D.W.B.	122	20	427	70
MEAVY	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped Supply Plymouth C.B. Samples by Plymouth C.B.	„	None	103	—	361	—
MILTON ABBOT	(a) Yes (b) Reas. good	Piped supply to Chillaton 7 samples taken, 6 satisfactory; 1 unsatisfactory Private supply (Duke of Bedford) at Milton Abbot	„	Auxiliary pump installed	55	—	193	—
PETER TAVY	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped supply. 7 samples taken, 6 satisfactory; 1 unsatisfactory.	„	N.D.W.B.	54	3	189	10
SAMPFORD SPINEY	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped Supply Samples Satisfactory	„	Reservoir Fenced and Covered	17	—	59	—
SHEEPSTOR	(a) Yes (b) Inadequate	Wells	„	None	—	—	—	—
STOWFORD	(a) Yes (b) Inadequate	Wells only	„	None	—	—	—	—
SYDENHAM DAMAREL	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Private supply (Duke of Bedford) Public Well	„	None	—	—	—	—
TAVISTOCK HAMLETS	(a) Yes (b) Inadequate	Wells and Private Supply (Duke of Bedford)	„	None	2	—	7	—
THRUSHELTON	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Wells only	„	None	—	—	—	—
WALKHAMPTON	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped Supply Sample Satisfactory	„	None	112	3	392	10
WHITCHURCH	(a) Yes (b) Yes	Piped supply and wells Samples satisfactory	„	None	33	—	115	—





